

Clark County Coroner
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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

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PATHOLOGIC EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF



FINAL DIAGNOSES

1. Gunshot wound to the head
2. Abrasions on the mid and right forehead, left medial eyebrow, side of the right lower abdomen, posterior right elbow, distal right second finger, knees, dorsal surface of the right foot along the second toe and medial surface of the left big toe
3. Contusions on the upper inner quadrant of the left breast, anterior left lower abdomen, knuckles of the right fourth and fifth fingers, posterior base of the left thumb, proximal anterior left leg and lateral right ankle

OPINION:

It is my opinion that death was caused by gunshot wound to the head.

There was an entrance gunshot wound on the midline back of the head. There was no evidence of close range of firing noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the scalp, occipital bone, meninges, left cerebellar hemisphere, and left cerebral hemisphere of the brain which included the brainstem. Associated injuries included subcutaneous scalp hemorrhage with corresponding galeal hemorrhage, left temporalis muscle hemorrhage, multiple fractures of the skull, subarachnoid hemorrhage, scattered bruising of the brain and bruising around the right eye. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There fragments of jacketed bullet recovered from the wound track.

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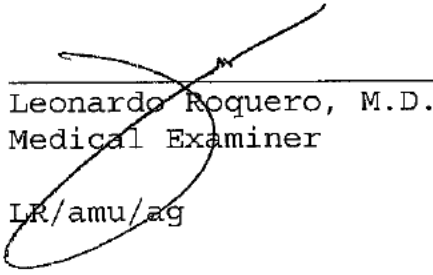
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Additional injuries included abrasions on the forehead and left eyebrow, side of the right lower abdomen, right elbow, right second finger, knees, right foot and left big toe, and bruising on the left breast, left lower abdomen, knuckles of the right fourth and fifth fingers, left thumb, left leg and side of the right ankle.

Postmortem toxicology report revealed blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.101 g/100 mL.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound to the head

MANNER: HOMICIDE


Leonardo Roquero, M.D.
Medical Examiner

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DATE: 12/20/2017

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POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

[REDACTED]

Date of Pronounced Death: October 2, 2017

Date of Postmortem Examination: October 3, 2017

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body was received sealed with a seal number [REDACTED] along with the identification tag. The body was that of a normally developed and nourished, [REDACTED], female, appearing about the recorded age of [REDACTED] years. The body measured 71 inches in length and weighed 184 pounds. Rigor mortis had passed. Livor mortis was present posteriorly and fixed. Clothing consisted of shirt, shorts, bra and underwear, and a hospital gown. The scalp hair was red. The eyes had white sclerae, pink conjunctivae, and hazel irides. The dentition was natural. No lesions of the oral mucosa were identified. There were no masses discernable in the neck and the larynx was in the midline. The thorax was symmetrical. The abdomen was flat. The external genitalia were those of a normal adult female. The back showed no significant deformities or other abnormalities. There were design tattoos on the left lower back, legs and left foot. A hospital identification band encircled the left wrist. There was a plastic bracelet around the right wrist.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

Electrocardiographic pads were present.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD:

There was 1.5 cm x 1.1 cm entrance gunshot wound on the posterior surface of the head, 4 inches below the top of the head and midline. The wound was partly rounded with marginal

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abrasion and with stellated lacerations. There was no soot or gunpowder stippling noted on the skin surrounding this wound. The wound track proceeded from this injury through the scalp, mid-occipital bone, meninges, left cerebellar hemisphere, left occipital lobe, left temporal lobe, midbrain, and left frontal lobe. Associated injuries included subcutaneous scalp hemorrhage on the frontal and posterior regions of the head with corresponding galeal hemorrhage, left temporalis muscle hemorrhage, multiple fractures of the skull which included the occipital bone, left parietal and temporal and bilateral frontal bone including the right orbital bone, right periorbital contusion, bilateral subarachnoid hemorrhage, contusions of the cerebellum, bilateral occipital and temporal lobes and right frontal lobe of the brain. The wound track was from back to front, right to left and downward when the body is viewed in the standard anatomical position. There fragments of jacketed bullet recovered from the wound track.

Additional injuries:

There was a 1-1/4 inch x 1 inch cluster of abrasions on the glabella and left medial eyebrow. There was a 1 inch x 1 inch cluster of contused abrasions on the right forehead. There was a 1-3/4 inch x 1-3/4 inch pale green contusion on the upper inner quadrant of the left breast. There was a 1-1/2 inch x 1/8 cluster of abrasions on the side of the right lower abdomen. There was a 1 inch x 1 inch pale green contusion on the anterior left lower abdomen. There was a 3 inch x 2 inch cluster of abrasions on the posterior right elbow. There was a 3/4 inch x 3/4 inch abrasion on the distal right second finger. There was a 1 inch x 1 inch cluster of pink contusions on the knuckles of the right fourth and fifth fingers. There was a 3/4 inch x 3/4 inch pink contusion on the posterior base of the left thumb. There was a 2 inch x 2 inch cluster of abrasions on the right knee. There was a 2-1/2 inch x 1-3/4 inch cluster of abrasions on the left knee. There was a 2 inch x 2 inch pale tan-green contusion on the proximal anterior left leg. There was a 1 inch x 1 inch pink

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contusion on the lateral right ankle. There was a 1/8 inch x 1/8 inch abrasion on the dorsal surface of the right foot along the second toe. There was a 1 inch x 3/4 inch abrasion on the medial surface of the left big toe.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

ORGAN WEIGHTS (in grams):

Brain: 1300

An autopsy was performed utilizing the posterior coronal scalp incisions.

Head:

The 1300 gm brain was free of neoplastic lesions.

RADIOGRAPHS:

Anterior postmortem radiographs together encompassing the head, torso and extremities were taken. There were fragments of bullet present in the head.